**HONOURABLE SHRI G.S.SINGHVI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE**
**AND**
**HONOURABLE SHRI JUSTICE C.V.NAGARJUNA REDDY**

**WRIT PETITION No.24647 OF 2006**

**Between:**

M.Kamal Kumar and another. …Petitioners

**And**

District Collector, Guntur District,
Guntur and others. …Respondents

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Counsel for the petitioners : Smt.W.Rajeswari for
Sri P.Venugopal

**27th November 2006**

**Per G.S.SINGHVI, C.J.**

The petitioners have filed this petition in the name of public

interest litigation for quashing notifications dated 13-12-2005 and 8-2-2006 issued by District Collector, Guntur (respondent No.1) under Sections 4 (1) and 6 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short, 'the Act') for acquiring the land belonging to Sri Bheemeshwara Swamy Vaari Devasthanam, Chebrolu Village and Mandal, Guntur District (for short, 'the Devasthanam').

In the affidavit filed by him, petitioner No.1 – M. Kamal Kumar has described himself as a champion of public cause. He has referred to Writ Petition No.10581 of 2006 filed by him for protection and upkeep of the temples of Andhra Pradesh and has averred that the decision of the official respondents to acquire the land belonging to the Devasthanam, which is comprised in Survey Nos.795, 804 and 807 is wholly illegal, arbitrary and unjustified. He has further averred that even though the enquiry contemplated by Section 5-A has been dispensed with, the respondents have not paid compensation to the Devasthanam.

We have heard Smt.W.Rajeswari, learned counsel for the petitioners and perused the record. A reading of Annexure P-5 makes it clear that Manager of the Devasthanam is pursuing the matter relating to acquisition of land. Therefore, it cannot be said that the interest of the Devasthanam is not being lookedafter by the concerned authorities so as to enable the petitioners to demonstrate their locus in public interest litigation.

With the above observations, the writ petition is dismissed.

As a sequel to dismissal of the writ petition, WPMP.No.31511 of 2006 filed by the petitioners for interim relief is also dismissed.

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**G.S.SINGHVI, C.J.**

27th November, 2006.

**C.V.NAGARJUNA REDDY, J.**

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